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ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Borough  
of Montgomery for the YEAR 1942

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Circular 2773 (Wales) I beg to submit a short report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Borough for the year 1942.

BIRTHS There were Thirteen live births during the year, Three Males and Ten Females, giving a Birth Rate of 14.6 The Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1942 was 15.8. There was one illegitimate birth. Two children were Still Born one Male and one Female.

DEATHS There were Eight deaths during the year, One male and Seven Females, giving a death rate of 9.00 per 1000. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.6. This has been the lowest death rate for many years.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Whooping Cough	1
Pneumonia	2

There were no epidemics during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS One case of Glandular Tuberculosis was notified. This was an evacuee child.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION - This is carried out by the County Council and as far as I can ascertain 100 per cent of the children attending school have been immunised.

WATER - Again an exceptionally dry Spring and Summer were experienced with the result that at the end of July the Reservoirs were empty, and it was not until December that supplies of water were available to all parts of the Town. A useful flow of water from a 9" pipe at Jamsford Farm was investigated, but after excavation work had been carried out, it was found to be impossible to obtain a sufficient supply at a suitable source. Water was however available from existing wells in the town. No houses were connected to the Town Water Supply during the year.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE- A further portion of the sewer in School Lane which was unsatisfactory was taken up and relaid.

BLOSET ACCOMMODATION- There was only one conversion from the conservancy to the water carriage system during the year.

PUBLIC CLEANSING - No alteration from the previous year. It was not necessary to carry out any disinfection of premises during the year.

SCHOOLS - Sanitary Arrangements at the one permanent school and the temporary schools for evacuees are satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY - One producer qualified for registration as a producer of T.T.Milk in place of accredited, now making a total of two T.T producers and two Accredited producers, and sixteen producers of ungraded milk in the area.

MEAT - All slaughtering for the requirements of this area is carried out at the Central Slaughter House, Newtown. There are no complaints regarding the quality of meat sent into the Borough.

HOUSING - No works of building new houses or reconstructing old ones can be carried out as all such work is held in abeyance for the duration of the war.

The health of the people generally is very satisfactory after three years of war. There are no signs of any nutritional deficiencies.

I am Sirs,

Your obedient Servant,

S.J. STEWART